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CHINESE COMMUNIST FORCES REPORTEDLY ENTER
NORTHEAST BURMA

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Chinese Communist troops of the 43rd Division in platoon strength have crossed the border into Burma and occupied five towns in the Wa States [redacted]

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[redacted] The Chinese [redacted] justified the action on the grounds that Burmese forces were incapable of giving adequate protection to the local people against the Chinese Nationalists.

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Comment: [redacted]

The Chinese Communist 43rd Division is attached to the 14th army with headquarters in Tali in southwestern Yunnan and is in a position to undertake an incursion of Burma. [redacted]

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[redacted] On at least two occasions, a Chinese Communist commander near this part of the border has offered to assist Burmese units against the Nationalists.

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The Wa States are south of the undemarcated border area between China and Burma. However, a part of the area was Chinese territory until 1894 and is inhabited largely by Chinese. [redacted]

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